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SUBJECT: CARETAKER GROUP TO GOVERNWHILE MARCOS IN CHINA

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1. ALL MANILA PAPERS JUNE 4 HEADLINE PRESIDENT MARCOS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE HAD CREATED A CARETAKER COMMITTEE TO RUN GOVERNMENT DURING HIS 5-DAY (JUNE 6-11) STATE VISIT TO THE PRC. COMMITTEE IS CALLED EXECUTIVE CABINET COMMITTEE AND IS MADE OF UP REGULAR CABINET MEMBERS. IT WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT DURING HIS STAY IN PEKING FOR CONSULTATIONS IF NECESSARY. PRESS REPORTS STRESSED THAT MALACANANG DID NOT REPEAT NOT ANNOUNCE WHICH CABINET MEMBERS ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN EXECUTIVE CABINET COMMITTEE.

2. MARCOS ANNOUNCED CREATION OF THE EXECUTIVE CABINET COMMITTEE DURING MEETING WITH RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE AFP. HE REPORTEDLY URGED MILITARY TO EXTEND FULL SUPPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DURING HIS BSENCE ANDPRESENTED EACH EXECUTIVE CABINET COMMITTEE MEMBER INDIVIDUALLY TGYTHE AFP LEADERS. AT SAME TIME, PRESIDENT BRIEFED AFP LEADERSHIP ON
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THE REASON FOR HIS TRIP TO CHINA AND DISCUSSED WITH MILITARY

SECRET DECREE HE CLAIMS TO HAVE ISSUED DESCRIBING THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN EVENT THAT HE BECOMES INCAPACITATED. PRESS REPORTS THAT DECREE WAS ISSUED SHORTLY AFTER MARTIAL LAW.

3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH MALACANANG REFUSED TO ANNOUNCE WHO COMPRISED EXECUTIVE CABINET COMMITTEE, PHOTO OF YESTERDAY'S MEETING IN JUNE 4 DAILY EXPRESS SHOWS MARCOS FLANKED BY EXECSEC MELCHOR, SECDEF ENRILE, SEC OF FINANCE VIRATA, SEC OF PLANNING SICAT. WE ASSUME MOST OF THESE WILL COMPRISE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THEY FACE AFP LEADERSHIP, PC ZONE COMMANDERS, JOINT COMMAND HEADS, ETC. IT IS DIFFICULT TOIMAGINE HOW MARCOS COULDHAVE HIGH-LIGHTED THE SUCCESSION PROBLEM ANY MORE EMPHATICALLY OR DEMOSTRATED THE CRUCIAL ROLE THE ARMED FORCES WILL PLAY IN DETERMINING WHO HIS SUCCESSORS WILL BE SHOULD A SHIFT OF POWER COME. PRESUMABLY THE EXECUTIVE CABINET COMMITTEE IS THE SAME COMMITTEE MARCOS REFERRED TO IN HIS FEBRUARY 25 PRESS CONFERENCE WHEN HE LAST DISCUSSED THE SUCCESSION PROBLEM (SEE REFAIR).
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